

BEFORE THE  
POSTAL RATE COMMISSION  
WASHINGTON, DC 20268

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In the Matter of:

Carolina, WV 26563  
Post Office State ZIP Code

POSTAL REGULATORY  
COMMISSION  
Docket No: CA2011-095  
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY

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Beverly Colisino, Petitioner(s)

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## PARTICIPANT STATEMENT

1. Petitioner(s) are appealing the Postal Service's Final Determination concerning the Carolina, WV post office. The Final Determination was posted Sept. 4, 2011 to Oct. 4, 2011 (date)

2. In accordance with applicable law, 39 U.S.C. § 404(d)(5), the Petitioner(s) request the Postal Regulatory Commission to review the Postal Service's determination on the basis of the record before the Postal Service in the making of the determination.

3. Petitioners: Please set out below the reasons why you believe the Postal Service's Final Determination should be reversed and returned to the Postal Service for further consideration. (See pages of the Instructions for an outline of the kinds of reasons the law requires us to consider.) Please be as specific as possible. Please continue on additional paper if you need more space and attach the additional page(s) to this form.

— See enclosed letter, attached. —

P.S. We are a town that is approx:  
1 mile up off the primary road. There are  
times when it snows and then freezes that it  
is dangerous to travel out of our town. State  
Road does not always treat our roads properly  
to ensure we can go out of town. We have No stores  
here — Just a post office & 2 churches.

I oppose the closing of the Carolina, WV Post Office and want to see the Final Determination reversed. It is unlawful to close our office for purposes of financial reasons, which seemed to be the main reason stated in the Final Determination letter. According to Title 39 Section 101 (b) of the US Code it reads "The Postal Service shall provide maximum degrees of effective regular postal service to rural areas and small towns where post offices are not self-sustaining. NO SMALL POST OFFICE SHALL BE CLOSED SOLELY FOR OPERATING AT A DEFICIT, it being the specific intent of the Congress that *effective* postal services be insured to resident of both urban and rural communities."

We do not feel we will be provided effective postal service in our community by having cluster boxes and a rural route driver. We are a unique community isolated high upon a hill, which makes it difficult to travel to another post often at times, especially in bad weather. We have a high population of senior citizens that need a post office close by. Our handicapped parking is better than at the Worthington Post Office and we do not want to have to pay box rent if we chose to have our mail more secure in either Idamay or Worthington, which are more like 3 miles away, rather than the 1.6 and 1.8 miles stated in the Final Determination letter. Our box rent is now free for the local citizens. We like having our mail safe, secure and in a temperature controlled office. We want to have access to all of the postal services during the day at any time of day, not just when we are able to meet the route driver. It is not always practical to anticipate our postal needs and leave a check in our box for the driver and wait until the next day to get stamps. We want to be able to drop off our packages at our local office because it's not practical to have to go to another office to mail one over 13 ounces or pay and schedule pick over the Internet to have one picked up.

We want to keep our post office open. We can easily walk to it and we know our packages, mail and medications will be safe.

KEEP OUR OFFICE OPEN...IT IS THE LAW!

Sincerely,

*Beverly Colosino*